

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

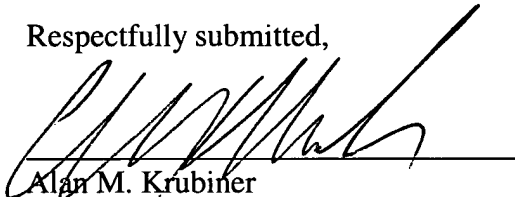
Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In response to the request for an additional election of species, Applicants elect the polymer polycaprolactone from among the species listed in Claim 9 without traverse. Additionally, Applicants have corrected the dependency of Claim 9 to now properly depend from Claim 1 instead of canceled Claim 8. Favorable consideration of Applicants' traversal of the restriction requirement and request for rejoinder of groups I and II as expressed in the remarks filed 9/21/04 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-5021.

Respectfully submitted,



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